GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MISSION OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mission of compulsory education is likely to be achieved by opening schools and appointing teachers under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009;

(b) if not, whether the attention has been paid on laying strong foundation and quality education too;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the effective measures being taken in this regard;

(e) whether any practical and effective scheme has been formulated to improve the standard of basic education from class one to tenth standard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has been enacted to provide for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years. It is the duty of the appropriate Government and local authority to provide infrastructure including school building, teaching staff and learning equipment etc. Every school is required to adhere to the norms and standards specified in the Schedule of the Act. Chapter V of the RTE Act lays down the Curriculum and Evaluation Procedure to be followed by the academic authority to be specified by the appropriate Government. The Government is also implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme. The overall goals of SSA include universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning levels of children. SSA provides for a variety of interventions, including inter alia, opening of new schools, construction of schools and additional classrooms, toilets and drinking water, provisioning for teachers, periodic teacher training and academic resource support, textbooks and support for learning achievement. SSA norms have been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act. A fund pattern in the 65:35 ratio between the Centre and States (90:10 for NE States) has also been notified for implementation of the programme from 2010-11 onwards. In addition, a centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched for the secondary sector.